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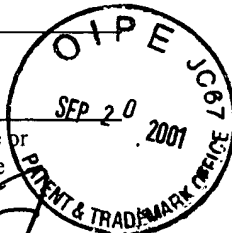
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Case No. 659-700

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Fell, et al.

Serial No.: 09/855,182

Filed: May 14, 2001

For: ABSORBENT GARMENT  
WITH EXPANDABLE  
ABSORBENT ELEMENT

Attention: Manager,  
Application Branch

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION  
FILING DATE GRANTED**

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Attn.: Box Missing Parts

Dear Sir:


In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated July 16, 2001, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- ☒ Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.

- ☒ Applicant is:
- ☐ a small entity, verified statement is:
- ☐ attached
- ☐ already filed
- ☒ other than small entity
- ☒ Check totaling \$1744.00 for:
- ☒ Filing Fee of \$710.00.
- ☒ Surcharge of \$130.00.
- ☒ Additional Claim Fees of \$904.00.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- ☒ Submission of Formal Drawings.
- ☒ Eight (8) formal drawing sheets.
- ☒ Return receipt postcard.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 9/17/01

  
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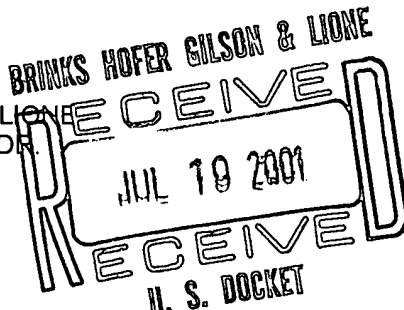
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- o The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- o Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$904.
  - \$504 for 28 total claims over 20.
  - \$400 for 5 independent claims over 3 .
- o The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- o **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1744.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- o Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Serial No. 09/855,182		Filing Date May 14, 2001	Examiner Unassigned	Case No. 659-700 Group Art Unit 3761
Inventor(s) Fell et al.				
Title of Invention ABSORBENT GARMENT WITH EXPANDABLE ABSORBEMENT ELEMENT				

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Check for \$1744.00 for filing fee, surcharge and additional claims fee; Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted (in duplicate); copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated July 16, 2001; Declaration; Power of Attorney; Submission of Formal Drawings; 8 sheets of formal drawings; Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); Form PTO-1449; copies of 14 cited references; and return receipt postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

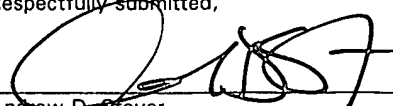
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Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =	
x 40 =	
+ \$135 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$18 =	
x \$80 =	
+ \$270 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,744.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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